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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R §1.181(a)

On December 27, 2001, Applicants received a Notice of Abandonment (mailed December 19, 2001) stating that the above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on March 27, 2001.

Applicants submit that the Office letter mailed on March 27, 2001 was never received, and hereby petition to have the holding of abandonment withdrawn and to have the Office letter re-mailed.

Applicants submit that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office letter was never received. Evidence that the Office letter mailed on March 27, 2001 was never received is provided in the form of a copy of the docket record showing March 27, 2001 through April 10, 2001, where the non-received Office action would have been entered had it been received and docketed is attached to this statement.

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Applicants therefore petition for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a).

According to 37 C.F.R. §1.181(d) and M.P.E.P. 711.03(c), Applicants believe that no fee is due.

CONCLUSION

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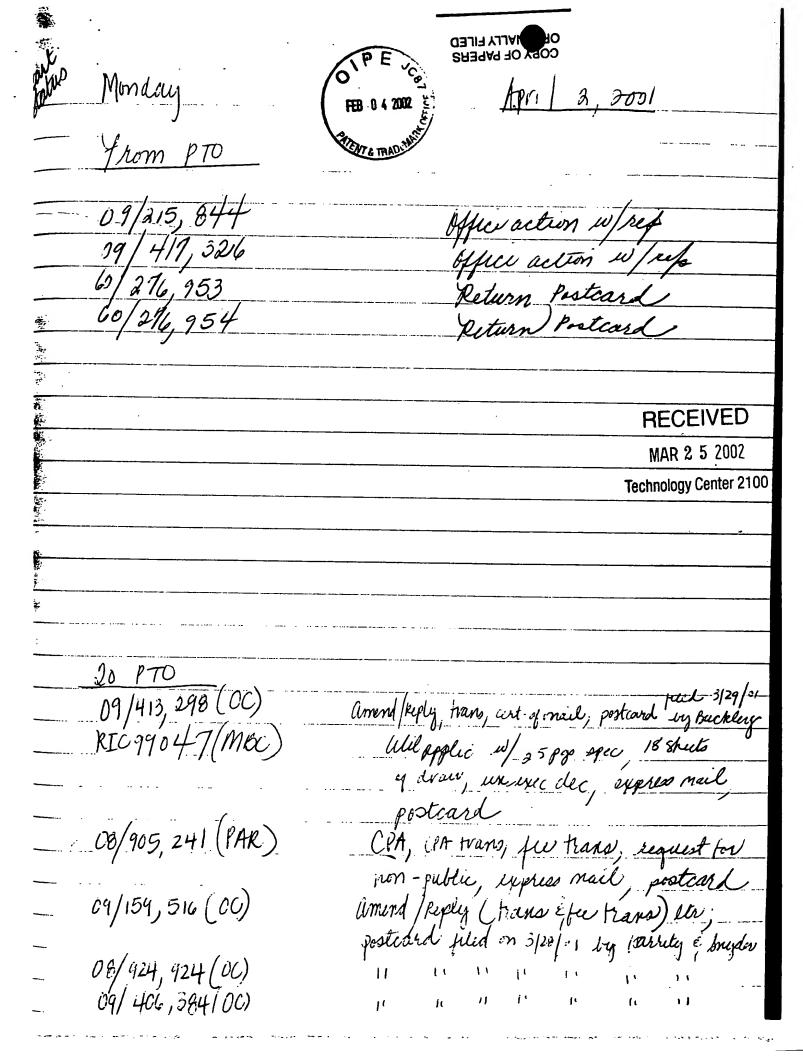
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